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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

BECHTELINO SIHOTANG,

Petitioner,

v.

ALBERTO R. GONZALES, Attorney
General,

Respondent.

No. 04-76503

Agency No. A95-630-018

MEMORANDUM^{*}

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted June 12, 2006^{**}

Before: KLEINFELD, PAEZ and BERZON, Circuit Judges.

Bechtelino Sihotang, a native and citizen of Indonesia, petitions for review of an order of the Board of Immigration Appeals (“BIA”) dismissing his appeal from an immigration judge’s order denying his application for cancellation of

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^{**} The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

removal due to lack of a qualifying relative. We have jurisdiction pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review de novo claims of constitutional violations, *see Torres-Aguilar v. INS*, 246 F.3d 1267, 1271 (9th Cir. 2001), and we deny the petition for review.

Bechtelino's equal protection challenge to the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act ("NACARA") is foreclosed by *Jimenez-Angeles v. Ashcroft*, 291 F.3d 594, 602-03 (9th Cir. 2002) (rejecting equal protection challenge to NACARA's favorable treatment of aliens from some countries, over those from other countries).

To the extent Bechtelino raises a due process challenge to the statutory requirements for cancellation of removal, it is without merit. *See Hernandez-Mezquita v. Ashcroft*, 293 F.3d 1161, 1163-65 (9th Cir. 2002) (explaining that the requirements for cancellation of removal are more restrictive than those for suspension of deportation, and approving Congress' natural line-drawing process in choosing to limit relief).

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.